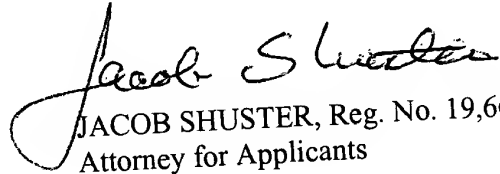


**REMARKS**

Since the foregoing amendment merely proposes cancellation of claims 1 and 4-7 under final rejection and recasting of dependent claim 2 in independent form without substantive change, entry of such amendment is in order and expected. The Appeal Brief submitted herewith is therefore limited to those issues associated with the final rejections of claims 2 and 3.

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